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#### AMERICANS ON

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these regions and in Lorraine."

#### GERMAN VICTORY NOT IN SIGHT

By William Philip Simms (United Press staff correspondent) With the British Armies in France, June 21.—Today, three months from the beginning of Hindenburg's colossal offensive, his promised "speedy victory" is not achieved.

From now on, the strength of his army must decrease. If the allies fight during the next three months as they have in the past, the beginning of the end is in sight.

This does not mean that peace will then be at hand—but the road to victory ought to be stretched out straight ahead.

The west front is now seething, rumbling and smoking, like a chain of volcanoes between eruptions.

One thing is certain, the Germans today are weaker, numerically and morally, than at the beginning of the offensive. From prisoners, it is learned that fewer German divisions are now on the west front than there were a month ago. Today there are not more than five divisions which have not been in this offensive. Barely a baker's dozen which have not yet participated in the drives. In addition to these, more than thirty divisions have been withdrawn from one active front and have been training and resting for three weeks.

Altogether, Hindenburg has about fifty divisions available for immediate action, whereas 51 were used during the first week of the Somme thrust—these being absolutely fresh and specially trained.

British Stage Raids London, June 21.—Successful British raids on the Picardy front and repulse of German local attempts in Flanders were reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

"During the night we captured a few prisoners and machine guns and inflicted many casualties on the enemy in raids and patrol encounters at Aveluy wood, in the neighborhood of Hebuterne and Boyelles and on both banks of the Scarpe," the statement said.

Several hostile attempts to recapture the ground gained northwest of Meriville were repulsed with loss to the enemy.

"There is nothing further to report."

French Report Advances Paris, June 21.—The French advanced slightly northwest of Chateau-Thierry, the war office announced today.

"North of Faverlois and at Mautesvesnes, the French improved their positions and took twenty prisoners," the communique said.

Wilson Has Approved Jugo-Slavs Enlistment Washington, June 21.—President Wilson has approved enlistment of Jugo-Slavs, subjects of Austria, in the American army. He wrote Senator Hitchcock that he saw no objection to allowing these subjects of Austria to join the American army, as a Slavic legion. The senate military committee immediately adopted Hitchcock's amendment to the \$12,000,000,000 army bill to provide for the formation of such a unit. It is estimated that this will add from 300,000 to 500,000 men to the United States army.

#### Disloyal Soldier

Sentenced for Life

Tacoma, Wash., June 21.—Because he said "to hell with this army business," refused to sign an enlistment and assignment card and showed by his actions and statements that he was disloyal, Guy C. Rheinehamer, of Cummings, N. D., a private in the 39th company, 166th depot brigade, was sentenced to life imprisonment today by a court-martial at Camp Lewis. He will be sent to Alcatraz to remain in prison for the rest of his life.

#### Court House News

Motor Cop DeLong in attempting to pass an auto on the Pacific highway about two miles north of town this morning, ran his motorcycle into a bed of loose gravel with the result that he got a nasty fall. One foot and an elbow were badly bruised and wrenched. His injuries are not serious but will keep him from work for some time.

Two marriage licenses were issued this morning, one to Ead Goulsen Flegel an army officer stationed at Camp Fremont, and Barbara Golden Steiner of Salem; and the other to Edwin Clark Perkins and Regina Rosalia Hirsch, both of Gervais.

In the suit of James Poo, a Chinaman, against Nathan Sohn it being a suit over a contract to grow hops, defendant today filed answer admitting that under its terms he was to advance money to plaintiff for caring for the hops and was to have possession of the crop to secure these advances. That in accordance with these terms he advanced plaintiff \$7828.05. That the hops grown by defendant were of the value of \$7466.77. That plaintiff's share was of the value of \$607.57 and that this amount has been credited to him by defendant, but that there is still due from plaintiff to defendant the sum of \$2218.48, for which he asks judgment.

In the matter of the estate of Jacob H. Jacobson, Christiana Jacobson, the sole heir, was appointed administratrix. The estate is valued at \$6300.

In the matter of the estate of Charles H. Jacobson, M. G. Gunderson was appointed administrator de bonis non. Jacob Jacobson was administrator and his death made such administrator necessary.

In the matter of the estate of Martha S. Giesy, deceased, it appearing from signed statements of all the heirs that full distribution had been made, it was ordered that the administrator be discharged and his bondmen exonerated.

In the matter of the estate of John P. Rogers, deceased, an order was made fixing the fees of the administrator at \$4557.54 and the fees of the attorneys at \$3500.

MOST PECULIAR ACCIDENT. Fort Worth, Texas, June 21.—Nine persons were injured, two probably fatally, by barbed wire dangling from an airplane in flight at Hicks field late yesterday.

The injured were members of a party of automobilists who had stopped to watch the flyers. One plane, taking the air, failed to clear a barbed wire fence, and dragged the dangling wire through the crowd of spectators.

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#### State House News

The Public Service Commission has received a petition from citizens of Linnnton praying for an extension of the Portland street car service to that suburb. It had street car service at one time but there was something the matter with the franchise and the tracks were taken up. The petition says there is sufficient patronage to justify, and maintain the line, and that at present employers are forced to send trucks to that part of the city to get employes living there to their work.

That three new regional districts have been created was the notice received by the public service commission this morning. The northwestern with offices at Chicago and R. H. Ashton in charge, the southwestern with offices at St. Louis and B. F. Bush director, and the central western with offices at Chicago and Hale Holder director.

Reports of crop and weather conditions sent weekly to the Public Service Commission show that during the last week there have been many showers using much good, in spots. The consequence is that reports as to crop conditions vary widely in sections not far apart, it depending on whether the showers visited them. In some sections the wheat is reported badly hurt.

Articles of incorporation were filed today as follows: Cummings-Moberly Lumber company of Louisiana filed notice of its intention to do business in this state. It has a capital stock of \$125,000 and will operate sawmills and logging roads and do a general lumbering business. Its principal place of business in this state is in Portland.

G. Covach & Co., Inc., of Portland filed notice of dissolution.

State Has Contracted For 507 Acres of Flax The state has 507 acres of flax contracted for and growing, but as to what condition the crop is in but little is known. The continued dry weather is having its effect on it and there is daily a falling away from first estimates as to yields Secretary Goodin of the board of control gives some figures concerning the flax plant and experiment as follows: There are about 80 tons of the straw of the 1916 crop that has not yet been retted. All of the 1917 crop of straw is still on hand. While this is not of first quality it will make quite a lot of first class tow, and will pay well for handling. There is cash on hand received from the sale of flax fiber and tow \$22,730. This according to the figures at the beginning of the month. There is a small indebtedness for expenses during the month, and there is owing to the state \$10,554.50. This leaves a clear balance barring the month's expenses, of \$12,553. A good rain would increase the yield for this year, which without it will be rather light. However to do any material good the rain will have to come within a week or ten days.

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### BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

#### Director McAdoo Is Resting In California

San Francisco, June 21.—William G. McAdoo, director general of the national railways and secretary of the treasury, was on his way to a mountain retreat today on the advice of his physicians. Late yesterday arrived in San Francisco over the Western Pacific stayed long enough to attend a down-town theatre with Mrs. McAdoo and left for the mountains at midnight. Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo occupied an aisle seat in the orchestra section of the theatre and were not recognized by the audience. McAdoo was so hoarse that he could scarcely speak above a whisper. He expects to remain in the mountains two weeks.

#### "HIS TREATMENT" IS REMARKABLE," HE SAYS

#### Capt. F. S. Patty, Ex-Passenger Agent Northern Pacific Remarks

Nearly everybody in Knoxville, Tenn., especially railroad people, know Captain F. S. Patty, for twelve years district passenger agent for the Northern Pacific railroad, with local offices in Chattanooga and general offices in St. Paul, Minn.

On account of generally failing health Capt. Patty was forced to discontinue active work and for the past few years has been making his home in Knoxville, where he numbers his friends by his acquaintances. He is a kind, genial gentleman of the old school and is beloved by all who know him. The following interesting statement was made by him in person to the Tennessean representative:

"I am 69 years old and always enjoyed good health up to about six years ago, when I suffered a nervous breakdown and my general health gradually failed me. My principal trouble was indigestion and catarrh, but my whole system seemed to be out of shape. My condition finally got so bad I couldn't sleep at night and always after eating I would suffer so from indigestion and heart-burn that I felt just like there was a coal of fire in my stomach. My hearing and vision were also affected. I consulted several doctors here in Knoxville and other cities and they helped me considerably and I finally got so I could go around, but some how I just couldn't feel right and could not sleep at night, which made me awfully nervous and nothing I would eat seemed to agree with me.

"When you first read about this Tanlac when you first saw the bottle but did not decide to try the medicine until I talked with a friend of mine who had actually used it. He said it was the best thing he had ever taken, and that was sufficient proof for me.

"I have just finished the first bottle and came here this morning, not only to buy the second bottle, but to tell you first what it has done for me. I began enjoying my meals from the first few drops. My nervousness is gone and I can sleep like a child and always wake up in the morning ready for breakfast and feeling refreshed. I am very fond of onions, but was almost afraid to eat them, because they always disagreed with me; so I could taste them for hours afterwards, I ate one for dinner the other day and it agreed with me perfectly and I felt no bad after effects whatsoever. I tell you I am beginning to feel like a different man and am always going to keep this Tanlac on hand. It has done me more good than anything else in the medicine line I have ever taken. I certainly do recommend it to my friends. It is really remarkable."

Tanlac is sold in Mt. Angel by Ben Gooch, in Gervais by John Kelly, in Turner by H. P. Cornelius, in Woodburn by Lyman H. Shorey, in Salem by Dr. S. C. Stone and in Silverton by Geo. W. Steelhammer. (adv.)

#### Oregon Pioneers Meet In Annual Reunion

Portland, Or., June 21.—The Oregon Pioneers association held its annual reunion in Portland yesterday, and about 800 pioneers were in attendance. The annual address was delivered by Judge Fred W. Wilson of The Dalles, son of the late Joseph G. and Elizabeth Miller Wilson, pioneers of 1851 and 1852, who told of the difficulty encountered by the younger generation in realizing the gift of those who came before.

And the gathering was roused to applause when that dainty, pretty little old lady, Mrs. Rebecca J. Barger, mother queen of Oregon, carried her 93 years up the steps to the stage and smiled ever so demurely at her subject, while Robert A. Miller, past president, gave her greeting in the name of the association.

"May I ask that you all rise out of deference to the mother queen of Oregon?" suggested Mr. Miller. They were on their feet as lead a conclave as ever did homage.

Oregon's Mother Queen Applauded "We salute you, mother queen of Oregon—we pioneers of Oregon!" exclaimed the speaker.

Old Fashioned Banquet Held The banquet following the afternoon session was profuse with old fashioned good things, and was served by the Woman's auxiliary of the Oregon Pioneer association, which had spent several weeks in preparation of the menu and the prodigious catering problems

#### Concert This Evening by Cherrian Band

The following is the program for the public concert to be given this evening beginning at 8 o'clock at Wilson park, by the Cherrian band: Star Spangled Banner, Fred Jewell; March, Battle Royal, Fred Jewell; Overture, The Golden Dragon, K. L. King; Waltz, Il Bacio, Ardita; Intermezzo, The Wedding of the Rose, Jessel; Medley overture, Songs of the Boys in Blue, Laurendeau; Vocal solo, "We'll Never Let the Old Flag Fall," Miss Lena Belle Tarter; Serenade, La Paloma, Yradler; Selection, Robin Hood, G. Wiegand; March, Jersey Shore, Arthur Pryor; Oscar Steelhammer, director.

George H. Himes, secretary of the association, was as omnipresent as in other years, rushing hither and thither to settle this and that, and doing so very efficiently. Time and again when the puzzled pioneers found some problem that required aid, the familiar advice echoed—"ask George Himes."

E. B. McFarland New President By unanimous vote at the evening business session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. B. McFarland, Portland; vice president, Nathan E. Bird, Portland; secretary, George H. Himes, Portland; directors, William Galloway, McMinnville; C. H. Canfield, Oregon City; Bruce Wolverson, Portland. Both W. H. H. Dufur, the retiring president, and E. B. McFarland, president-elect, made brief addresses.

The committee on resolutions, Robert A. Miller, E. B. McFarland and J. E. Magera, submitted a resolution of thanks to God for the response of descendants of the pioneers to the call to arms in the battle against autocracy. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Thanks was tendered to members of the Woman's auxiliary for their services in connection with the reunion and for the banquet provided; to George H. Himes for faithful service as secretary; and to the newspapers and people of Portland for their aid in the success of the occasion.

Fast Executives Remembered Resolutions in testimonial to the worth of two past presidents of the association, both of whom have passed away during the year, W. T. Wright and Judge J. C. Moreland, were presented and unanimously adopted.

At the "camp fire" session, which closed the annual reunion, ex-Governor T. T. Geer presided, with Robert A. Miller serving as timekeeper. With fiddling of old tunes and singing of old songs and with the recital of early times in Oregon the day drew to a close.

#### Germany Has Six Months to Achieve a Decision

Chicago, June 21.—"Germany has six months to achieve a decision," Lord Dunmore of England told Congress today. "If she does not win in that time she inevitably is beaten. The situation now is very grave, but the balance every day is moving to our side as American troops pour in."

"We may expect continuous fighting throughout the summer," Lord Dunmore said, "and Germany may make some gains. But I feel we shall be able to keep them from gaining their objectives."

Lord Dunmore expects the enemy's great offensive this year along the Somme or between the Somme and at Mount Kemmel.

#### GERMANY HAS AGREED

Washington, June 21.—Germany has agreed "in principle" to a conference with American delegates over exchange, maintenance and welfare of prisoners.

Final communication is expected soon and Berne probably will be the meeting place, the state department announced today.

#### Open Forum

To the Editor: Your editorial of the 18th instant, entitled "Doing Justice to the Wife" wherein you laud the "Dower Law" passed by the last legislature, and curtly hold up to ridicule the woman who introduced a resolution again that law in the state senate, cannot be passed without notice. This woman, whom you attempt to belittle by your caricature argument, is one of Oregon's respected women, who has reared a family in Marion county, and lived here with one husband for more than forty years. She has long been known as a leader in the fight for woman's advancement in the state of Oregon. It is a credit to the intelligence of Mrs. H. C. Fletcher, and to the women of Oregon, that she should have discovered that a legislature of men, through their misguided sympathy for woman, had fallen into an egregious error, which does woman much harm and no good.

The fact that Stayton Grange first passed the resolution, which was subsequently concurred in by Woodburn Grange, and then, after an earnest discussion by people of talent (possibly equal to that of your editorial writer), it was concurred in by Salem Grange, prior to the action of the State Grange, is sufficient to recommend it to more serious consideration than you have given it.

Prior to 1917 every married woman, under the Constitution and Laws of Oregon, had a right to sell her individual property without the signature of her husband and pass a fee simple title to the purchaser, subject only to the use of one-half thereof for the life of the husband, provided he should survive her. As the law now stands she cannot sell her individual property without the husband's signature, because the husband, by having married her, has ac-

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quired a right to an undivided one-third of her land in fee simple, if he should survive her. He has this right whether he assisted in earning the property or not, and whether he lives with her one day or forty years.

The law of 1917 was doubtless instigated by someone who felt that the women of Oregon had been so abused that something had to be done, and not knowing what to do, did "something."

You have cited a single instance of the holding of timber land for speculation where, a possible injustice might be done, to the wife, but hundreds of instances of actual injustice under the present law may be cited.

A widow with three children married a second husband. She then fell heir to a 100-acre tract of land, from her deceased father. The husband, deserted her because she would not turn over part of this property to him, so that he could speculate with it. The wife died. The absconding husband, under the present law, has a one-third interest in this land which he never helped to earn, and should he die it will go to his heirs and not to these orphan children, where it should go.

Another case: A man died leaving much property to his widow. They had an infant son. She re-married. The boy was young, the step-father was old. She made her will giving the second husband a life estate in the whole of her property and giving the property all to her son upon the death of the husband. The legislature passed the law in its present form. Now, if she dies her will is a practical nullity. One-third of the property will go in fee simple to the second husband, who never earned it, and upon his death will go to his heirs, and not to the boy who should receive it. She cannot make a will which will correct this error, nor can they fix it by an agreement.

The law, if constitutional, has embarrassed the right, both of the husband and the wife, to deed or will their individual property as they could do before 1917.

A widower with a son married a widow with a son. Each owned a farm consisting of 150 acres. They desired that the husband's farm should go to his son and the wife's farm should go to her son. Prior to the law of 1917 that would have been the natural and legal result. Under the law as now framed should the wife die, one-third of her farm would go to her husband in fee simple, and upon his death would go to his son, so that his son would get 200 acres, while her son would get but 100 acres. They do not want it that way and you would not want it that way but that is the result of the present law. What is worse, husband and wife cannot fix this, either by agreement between themselves or by will. The law, if constitutional, has practically taken away the power to will the individual property and has much restricted their right to contract with respect to it.

These examples are but a few of many, yet are sufficient to show that the Dower and Curtesy law is not such a contrivance as will do even approximate justice.

Before 1917 the mother could will her individual property to her children, subject to the life estate of her husband in one half. Now she cannot do so because the husband, though he may never have helped to acquire her property, and though he may never deserve it, can claim one third of each tract which she has willed to her several children, and he can hold it in fee simple, and when he dies it will go to his heirs, who very often are not the same persons as the heirs of his wife.

The law has always prohibited the husband and wife from contracting between themselves with respect to dower and curtesy, as a matter of public policy.

Under the Inheritance law as it existed prior to 1917, and now, in case no children are born, the surviving spouse takes the whole estate. The man who has raised a family and also accumulated property is generally a good husband, and the good husband sees to it that his help mate in life, is provided for at his death. If the dower is not sufficient he provides for her by will. No dower or inheritance law can be made which will meet all conditions. The right to make a will is the safety valve for contingencies, where the law is inadequate. No law, however perfect, could compensate for the destruction of the power to will property by those men

and women who have spent their lives in accumulating it.

When a man lays aside his worldly possessions and prepares for a world to come, you can trust him to be as just as any general law yet conceived. The law as it stood in Oregon prior to 1917 (not perfect, is conceded to be one of the best. The present law is thought by many to be the worst.

Personally, I believe it to be an infringement upon the constitutional right of every woman in Oregon to contract with her separate legal estate to the same extent as if she were unmarried. It must necessarily cloud titles, delay administration and lead to constant litigation.

--M. E. POGUE.

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